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DEPT FOR CU/EA MARGARET TAYLOR FROM FISHMAN

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SUBJECT: MOFFET FAMILY BAND

REF: SINGAPORE 5067

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CALLING MS. DONNA ROSELIUS IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA (415) 233-4999 RPT (415) 233-4999 AND INFORMING HER THAT WE HAVE CONTACTED IMPRESSARIO DONALD MOORE, WHO EXPLAINED MOFFET FAMILY CANCELLATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A) MOFFETS ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE TWO PLAYERS SHORT. MOORE CLAIMS THAT HE HAD CONTRACTED FOR SEVEN-PIECE BAND, FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS PLUS TWO EXTRAS. THE TWO EXTRAS DID NOT COME FROM BANGKOK BECAUSE, AS MOORE AS TOLD, MOFFETS "STOLE" TICKETS FROM MS. DONNA ROSELIUS.

B) TWO OF THE FOUR SINGAPORE PERFORMANCES ARRANGED BY MOORE WERE AT THE AMERICAN CLUB AND THE TANGLIN CLUB, NEITHER OF WHICH WILLING TO GO AHEAD WITH FEWER THAN SEVEN PLAYERS.

C) MOORE WAS STILL WILLING TO GO AHEAD WITH OTHER TWO PERFORMANCES BUT THEN SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT STEPPED IN AND FORBID EIGHT YEAR OLD MEMBER TO PERFORM BECAUSE OF HIS AGE. SINCE THAT BOY WAS BASE PLAYER WHICH MOORE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL, HE NO LONGER JUSTIFY GOING AHEAD WITH PERFORMANCES.

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D) SINGAPORE MUSICAL SOCIETY HAS APPEALED TO SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER THEIR REFUSAL TO ALLOW BOY PERFORM ON GROUNDS MOFFETS ARE NON-PROFIT GROUP, BUT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THEY WILL SUCCEED.

E) MOFFETS STILL IN SINGAPORE BUT WILL BE GOING TO MANILA ON

SUNDAY, MOORE STILL PLANNING ONE MANILA PERFORMANCE WITH FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS.

F) MOORE PAYING MOFFETS' HOTEL BILL BUT BELIEVES HE HAS NO FURTHER LIABILITY SINCE BAND DID NOT PROVIDE FULL STRENGTH OF SEVEN AS HAD BEEN AGREED TO.

2. FYI: MS. ROSELIUS' HUSBAND CALLED FROM CALIFORNIA TO ASK WHY SINGAPORE PERFORMANCE HAD BEEN CANCELLED. HE SEEMED ANXIOUS AND NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED. MOORE HOWEVER, TOLD CAO LATER THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN MOFFETS AND THEIR MANAGER MS. ROSELIUS WERE UNUSUALLY TENSE AND AT ONE POINT MS. ROSELIUS MOVED OUT FROM HOTEL TO GET AWAY FROM THEM.
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